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# ARMS NEGOTIATORS PLAN NEW EFFORT

Will Discuss What 'Star Wars'  
Research and Testing Is  
Allowed by ABM Pact

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 — American and Soviet negotiators have agreed in Geneva to set up a special working group to discuss what research, development and testing are allowed for defensive systems by the 1972 Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty, Administration officials say.

The move by the negotiators has been vigorously opposed by the Defense Department, which has argued that the United States should not take part in such a group.

Richard N. Perle, an Assistant Secretary of Defense, assailed the move to set up the working group in a high-level meeting on Thursday, officials said. The session was attended by Max M. Kampelman, the chief American negotiator, who has returned from Geneva.

In a related development, Yevgeny P. Velikhov, a vice president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, met with Paul H. Nitze, an adviser on arms control issues to Secretary of State George P. Shultz. Soviet and American officials said they had discussed the question of setting up discussions on what kind of space weapons and space tests are banned by the ABM treaty.

## Differences of Interpretation

The United States and the Soviet Union have strong differences over how to interpret the ABM treaty.

Although Soviet officials have proposed a strict interpretation of the agreement, the Reagan Administration has said it has the right to adopt a loose interpretation that would allow extensive testing of new types of space-based systems such as the Strategic Defense Initiative, commonly known as "Star Wars."

Some Administration officials say they believe that the differences between the two sides on this question will ultimately have to be bridged if an arms agreement in Geneva is to be reached.

But other Administration officials say the United States should not compromise on this issue. They complain that the establishment of a working group could promote the negotiation of measures that would interfere with the extensive testing of space-based defensive systems.

The dispute over procedures in the Geneva talks takes place amid important developments concerning the ABM treaty and defensive systems.

For instance, Government experts are assessing intelligence reports that the Soviet Union may be dismantling part of its disputed early warning radar at Krasnoyarsk in Central Siberia.

Air Force intelligence officers have reportedly said there are signs that the Russians may be removing some antennas from the radar and electronic equipment from within the radar building. But other officials said the intelligence on this was not yet clear. The United States says the radar violates the ABM treaty and has asked the Soviet Union to dismantle it.

Administration officials said Friday that the White House had scheduled a meeting for Tuesday of its National Security Planning Group. Such meetings are headed by President Reagan and are attended by Cabinet members and senior officials from throughout the Government.